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POLICING & POLICY

In "Last-Minute Act," Sessions Limits Use Of Consent Decrees To Address Police Abuses.

In what the New York Times (11/8, Benner) describes as "a major last-minute act," former Attorney General Sessions "drastically limited the ability of federal law enforcement officials to use court-enforced agreements to overhaul local police departments accused of abuses and civil rights violations, the Justice Department announced late on Thursday." The Times says before "President Trump fired him" Wednesday, Sessions signed a memorandum "sharply curtailing the use of so-called consent decrees, court-approved deals between the Justice Department and local governments that create a road map of changes for law enforcement and other institutions."

Canada Allocating Millions To Fight Gun Smuggling, Violence.

The Globe and Mail (CAN) (11/8, White) reports that the Canadian federal government "is dedicating $86-million over the next five years to detection dogs, X-ray technology, ballistics testing and other measures to stifle rising gun violence." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale "said the funding, announced on Thursday, is part of a $327.6-million commitment the government made last year to combat gun and gang violence." An additional $200 million "is being made available to provinces and territories to finance community guns and gangs programs." The Globe and Mail adds, "The lion's share of the $86-million will go toward keeping illegal guns from crossing the border, a major source of firearms that end up in criminal possession."

New Jersey Outlaws Four Types Of New-Age Firearms.

The North Jersey (NJ) Media Group (11/8, Pugliese) reports, "New Jersey on Thursday outlawed four types of new-age firearms designed to evade detection by law enforcement and sidestep regulations. Some can even be sneaked into places like airports without setting off metal detectors." New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy "signed a bill that he said would close a 'dangerous loophole' in existing law and strengthen law enforcement's hand in prosecuting people who sell or possess the weapons in New Jersey. 'We dedicate today and all of our efforts going forward to the simple and common-sense premise that mass murder is not the price we have to pay for the Second Amendment,' Murphy said, flanked by Attorney General Gurbir Grewal and Sen. Joe Cryan, D-Union, a sponsor of the legislation."

CRIME & DRUGS

Afghanistan Veteran Kills 12 In California Bar Before Killing Himself.

All three broadcast networks devoted significant time on their Thursday evening newscasts to the mass shooting at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California, where a 28-year-old Marine veteran who served in Afghanistan killed 12 people before killing himself. On Thursday morning, President Trump tweeted, "I have been fully briefed on the terrible shooting in California. Law Enforcement and First Responders, together with the FBI, are on scene. 13 people, at this time, have been reported dead. Likewise, the shooter is dead, along with the first police officer to enter the bar." The President then tweeted, "Great bravery shown by police. California Highway Patrol was on scene within 3 minutes, with first officer to enter shot numerous times. That Sheriff's Sergeant died in the hospital. God bless all of the victims and families of the victims. Thank you to Law Enforcement."

David Muir opened ABC World News Tonight (11/8, lead story, 4:00) by saying, "You probably woke up this morning like so many in this country, saying, 'not again.' We are here in Thousand Oaks, California, the scene of the nation's newest mass shooting. ... The shots ringing out, people hiding wherever they could...carrying the injured as they ran. Police rushing to the scene, heavily armed officers, including a police sergeant who was among the first to go in. That sheriff's sergeant did not survive." Lester Holt opened NBC Nightly News (11/8, lead story, 1:30) with a similar tone, saying, "America, here we are again, seeking answers to the same old questions after lives are stolen in another senseless rampage. ... Families once again grieving the sudden, unimaginable loss of their loved ones, and before we get to anything else, we want you to hear from a father in the kind of gut-wrenching anguish no parent should ever know." On the CBS Evening News (11/8, lead story, 4:00), Jeff Glor reported, "The shooter was a Marine combat veteran who is believed to have killed himself after taking 12 lives."

The Los Angeles Times (11/8, Greene) reports that the gunman, Ian David Long, was "a former U.S. Marine machine gunner who may have suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder." He entered the Borderline Bar and Grill, "tossed a smoke bomb into the crowd and opened fire, authorities said." The bar "was hosting line-dancing lessons for college students as young as 18 on Wednesday night. Crowds of young people, including parties for two women celebrating their 21st birthdays, were drinking and dancing when the crack of gunfire echoed through the cavernous room about 11:20 p.m." The Thousand Oaks (CA) Acorn (11/8, Jorrey) reports that "an estimated 175 people" were inside the bar, "including students from surrounding colleges Cal Lutheran University, Pepperdine University, Cal State Channel Islands and Moorpark College." The Malibu (CA) Times (11/8, Shivani Patel /, Writer) reports that Long's gun, "legally purchased, was identified as a .45-caliber Glock 21 designed in California to hold 10 rounds. The gunman had illegally purchased and added an extended magazine for more rounds."

Ex-New York AG Schneiderman Will Not Face Criminal Charges Over Alleged Abuse.

WGRZ-TV Buffalo, NY (11/8, Campbell) reports on its website that former New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman "will not face criminal charges for allegedly abusing multiple women he was romantically involved with." Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas said in announcing her decision that "she believed the accusers but that 'legal impediments,' including the statute of limitations and language in state law, prevented charges." The New York Times (11/8, Feuer) reports that Singas said she had "proposed a new state law that would protect victims of sexually motivated violence by making it illegal to hit, shove, slap or kick someone without their consent for 'the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification.'"

SUV Found, Surveillance Video Released In North Carolina Teen Abduction Case.

Linsey Davis on ABC World News Tonight (11/8, story 8, 1:00, Muir) reported, "Tonight, police say the stolen SUV used to kidnap 13-year-old Hania Aguilar found abandoned, nine miles away from her mobile home in Lumberton, North Carolina." Investigators "now searching the SUV for possible DNA, and police are asking for the public's help identifying this man, spotted walking toward the girl's home shortly before she vanished from her front yard as she waited to go to school." Police "say a witness told them a man wearing all black, with a yellow bandana, forced the girl into her family's green SUV and drove away." The FBI "is not calling the man in the video a person of interest, but they do say they want to talk to him."

Robesonian (NC) (11/8) reports that "the videos collected by investigators show what appears to be a man wearing light-colored shoes, a light-colored shirt, and a hoodie walking down Lambeth Street and then turning left on Elizabethtown Road and waking toward Rosewood Mobile Home Park, where Hania Noelia Aguilar was kidnapped as she waited for her ride to Lumberton Junior High School." The FBI "has released the video and it can be viewed at www.fbi.gov." The man in the video "is not being called a suspect, nor a person of interest, said C. Andrew de la Rocha, a FBI supervisory senior resident agent." De la Rocha added, "He's just someone we want to speak with." WCIV-TV Charleston, SC (11/8, Thomas) reports de la Rocha said Thursday in a news conference, "If you are this individual (in the surveillance video), please call the tip line and speak with investigators. Your assistance may help us in finding Hania." FBI-Charlotte spokesperson Shelley Lynch also is quoted saying, "They were in the area and may know something that can help us find Hania." WFMY-TV Greensboro, NC (11/8) reports that "investigators said several vehicles were seen on the video driving by the man who was walking on the morning of November 5."

Investigators Use Helicopter To Search For Clues In Missing Wisconsin Teen Case.

WBAY-TV Green Bay, WI (11/8) reports, "Investigators in the Jayme Closs disappearance went up in a helicopter Thursday to look for possible changes to an area that was searched last month." Jayme Closs, 13, "has been missing since Oct. 15," when "investigators believe she was abducted after her parents, James and Denise, were shot and killed in their Barron home." Officials "say the search is not based on new tips." The FBI and Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation "continue to assist Barron County with the investigation."

Newsweek (11/8, Fink) adds that "officers used a helicopter to take a second look at the area that volunteers previously searched on foot. Given that the leaves had fallen, Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald explained that the search was meant to identify any changes on the ground." Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald "remained optimistic that the key to the case was still out there."

Probe Follows Port Of Genoa Heroin Discovery.

Reuters (11/8, Balmer) reports a police statement said officers in Italy recently tracked a small portion of a 600-pound heroin shipment to a town in the Netherlands. The statement said an investigation that began after the heroin was discovered, hidden in a container aboard a ship which sailed from Iran, "continues in order to trace the entire network that manages the drug trade." The statement added that the probe "shows...the port of Genoa is an important crossroads for drug shipments destined for the rest of Europe." The AP (11/8) also covers this story.

Canada Runs Low On Legal Marijuana Just Weeks After Its Approval.

The New York Times (11/7, Bilefsky) reports from Montreal, "Canada is running low on legal pot three weeks after the government approved the use of recreational marijuana, a shortage that is sending some frustrated consumers back to the black market." According to the Times, "At least three provinces – Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick – are facing a dearth of legal marijuana and two of them have seen outlets selling cannabis temporarily shut down for lack of supply."

Cannabis Seizures Double In A Year As Critics Say Drug Is Flooding Into UK Because It Is "Effectively Decriminalised"

Telegraph (UK) (11/8, Hymas, Johnson) reports, "Cannabis seizures have more than doubled in a year amid claims that the drug is flooding into UK because it has effectively been decriminalised, official figures revealed today. Seizures of herbal cannabis rose by 142 percent to 28.6 tonnes last year, cannabis resin seizures were up by 33 percent to almost eight tonnes and plant seizures rose by 10 percent to 352,000."

IACP released a fourth fact sheet in the series *Supporting Officer Safety Through Family Wellness.* This fact sheet, *Supporting Officer Safety Through Family Wellness: Nutritional Needs*, focuses on how nutrition can impact job performance as well as ways to educate yourself and your family on nutrition basics.

Review the first three in the series: *The Effects of Sleep Deprivation*, *Helping Your Young Child Understand Your Job* and *Financial Literacy*

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First Responders Share Mental Health Struggles To Help Others.

WRC-TV Washington (11/7, Gentzler, Fantis) reports, "Suicide claims more police and firefighter lives than any of the dangers they face on the job, which is why a Virginia police department is using a video featuring first responders sharing their stories to help others." According to WRC-TV, "Fairfax County police Officer Meg Hawkins has been in law enforcement, which helped her realize something was wrong with her husband, Eric Provow. 'But I saw the change in him,' she said. 'His eyes changed, his body changed, his voice changed.'" WRC-TV adds, "A combat veteran in Afghanistan, Provow started having flashbacks, nightmares and trouble sleeping but never reached out for help," and "he said he suffered for almost a decade and began a second career as a Fairfax County firefighter after retiring from the military. Then came the moment that changed his life." Fairfax County Police Chief Ed Roessler "has been candid about the topic, too. 'I see a counselor,' he said. 'I'm a human being. This profession and life in general is something that complicates our day-to-day decision-making. Unfortunately, as first responders, we are seeing horrific scenes over and over again, and also dealing with the stress of people who are just having the worst day of their lives.'"

TECHNOLOGY

Amazon Tells Employees It Will Continue To Sell Facial Recognition Software To Law Enforcement.

The Verge (11/8, Statt) reports, "Amazon has come under fire of late for the licensing of its controversial Rekognition system, a powerful piece of facial recognition software, to government and law enforcement agencies, with the most recent development involving revelations that Amazon met with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) over the summer to strike a deal for Rekognition use," and "now, Amazon employees are grilling the company's leadership over the selling of such

technology, especially when it could be used to track human beings and send them back into potentially dangerous environments overseas." Amazon Web Services CEO Andrew Jassy "told employees at an all-hands meeting today that, 'We feel really great and really strongly about the value that Amazon Rekognition is providing our customers of all sizes and all types of industries in law enforcement and out of law enforcement,' according to an Amazon employee."

Dutch Police Decrypt Messages After Breaking IronChat Crypto App.

Ars Technica (11/7) reports, "Police in the Netherlands said they decrypted more than 258,000 messages sent using IronChat, an app billed as providing end-to-end encryption that was endorsed by National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden." Ars Technica adds, "In a statement published Tuesday, Dutch police said officers achieved a 'breakthrough in the interception and decryption of encrypted communication' in an investigation into money laundering." The encrypted messages, according to the statement, "were sent by IronChat, an app that runs on a device that cost thousands of dollars and could send only text messages. 'Criminals thought they could safely communicate with so-called crypto phones which used the application IronChat,' Tuesday's statement said. 'Police experts in the east of the Netherlands have succeeded in gaining access to this communication. As a result, the police have been able to watch live the communication between criminals for some time.'"

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